

REMARKS

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-5 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,862. Applicant is submitting a Terminal Disclaimer herewith to obviate the rejection. Applicant thus requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection, and allowance of claims 1-5.

Allowable Subject Matter

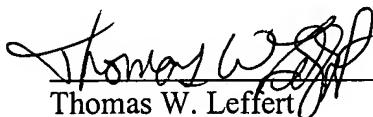
Applicant acknowledges that claims 6-18 were indicated as being allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2204.

Respectfully submitted,

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